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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4701

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, XX, CS

SUBJECT: CIVAIR--ANTI-HIJACKING PASSENGER
SCREENING

REF: A. STATE 149612

B. STATE A-5662

1. PANAM IS THE ONLY SCHEDULED U.S. AIR CARRIER SEGSA
VICING COSTA RICA. ACCORDING TO PANAM AIRPORT SERVICE
MANAGER ALPIZAR, GOCR IS COMPLETELY COOPERATIVE IN PRE-SCREENING
PROCEDURES. IN FACT, ALPIZAR REMINDED
EMBOFF THAT COSTA RICA.S PRESIDENT FIGUERES HAS
BEEN KNOWN TO TAKE A DIRECT AND LIVELY INTEREST IN
PREVENTION OF HIJACKING.

2. CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCREENING LISTED
IN REFERENCE B ALPIZAR STATED:

A. ALL CARRY ON ITEMS ARE COMPLETBY INSPECTED

B. PANAM PURCHASED A "FRISKEN" ELECTRONIC SCREENING
DEVICE WHICH PROVED TO BE UNSATISFACTORY. PANAM NOW
USES A SOLOCO HAND SCANNER ON ALL BOARDING PASSENGERS
WHICH PERFORMS WELL. WHEN METAL IS DETECTED THE
PASSENGER IS INVITED INTO A BOOTH FOR FURTHER SEARCHING.

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ON RARE OCCASIONS WHEN THE HAND SCANNER IS NOT

OPERATING, A PERSONAL FRISKING IS PERFORMED BY AIRPORT
POLICE.

3. FROM EXPERIENCE OF EMBASSY STAFF, PRESCREENING
FOR ALL FLIGHTS, INCLUDING IN COUNTRY FLIGHTS, IS MOST
THOROUGH.
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